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# 150th Anniversary

2016

## St. John the Evangelist



Established 1866

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### WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please introduce yourselves. We hope to know and serve you. We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

### PASTOR

Rev. Richard E. Cannon

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Carol Zani, 1-6  
Debbie Lysik, 7 & 8  
Ken Lysik, 9 & 10

### PARISH CENTER

Maureen Belger, Manager

### ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those that need a little help,  
please call: **508-435-3313x207**

### SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 PM  
8:00 and 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday - Wednesday & Friday 9:00 AM  
No Mass on Thursday  
Saturday 8:00 AM

### HOLY DAY MASSES:

See inside bulletin for Holy Day Mass schedule

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 Noon  
Please call for information.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 8:30-9:15 AM in the lower church

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

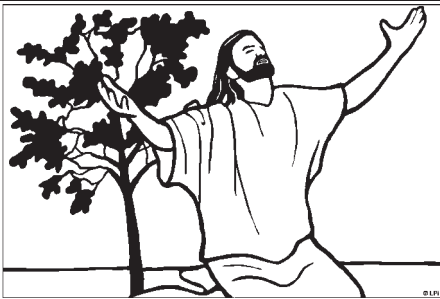
Arranged at least 6 months in advance.

### ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Brendan Kenney

### PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE

All copy must be submitted in writing no later than  
Monday noon. (Holiday weeks may require a longer  
lead time.)



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, March 6, 2016:

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/ Ps 34:2-7/ 2Cor 5:17-21/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

5:00 PM Members of the Pineau Family

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Grade 3 children and their families

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 AM Ruth Connors

### FRIDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 AM Special Intention

### SATURDAY, MARCH 5

5:00 PM Leo Lavoie

### SUNDAY, MARCH 6

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John

10:00 AM Timothy Sparks



### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

2:15 PM Grade 6

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4, and 5

### TUESDAY, MARCH 1

4:15 PM Grades 3, 4, and 5

6:30 PM Grade 8

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

4:15 PM Grades 1 and 2

### Divine Mercy Prayer Group

There will be a holy hour of Divine Mercy **every Monday** from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower church. All are welcome.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Easter Sunday.....March 27  
Ascension Thursday.....May 5  
First Communions.....May 7, May 8, May 14  
Confirmation (2 Masses).....April 30

**Winter Weather Notice:** Please note that if Hopkinton schools are canceled or delayed due to the weather, there will be no morning daily Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated  
8:30-9:15AM in the lower church  
NEXT Saturday, March 5.



St. John's parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation following the 10AM Mass hosted this Sunday by the Knights of Columbus.

### **Lenten Confessions**

In addition to the regular **Saturday morning confessions** from 8:30-9:15AM, confessions will also be heard **Wednesdays, March 2, March 16 and March 23** from 6:30-8PM in the lower church.

### **A Lenten Mission** **Giving and Receiving Mercy** **in this Jubilee Year**

**Monday, March 7, through Wednesday, March 9**

St. John's will have a Lenten Mission on Giving and Receiving Mercy in this Jubilee Year presented by Fr. Robert Lacombe of Providence. Mass will be at 7PM each evening with an opportunity for confession before and after each Mission. The topics discussed will be as follows:

**MONDAY:** Our Need for Sacramental Reconciliation and the Plenary Indulgence of this Extraordinary Jubilee Year.

**TUESDAY:** Reflecting the Face of God's Mercy in the Corporal Works of Mercy.

**WEDNESDAY:** Finding Opportunities to Practice the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

### **LENTEN SCHEDULE**

#### **DAILY MASS (lower church)**

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM
FRIDAY	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	8:00 AM

#### **ROSARY (lower church)**

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY	8:35 AM
WEDNESDAY	6:00 PM
FRIDAY	8:35 AM

#### **SOUP & STATIONS**

FRIDAY EVENINGS (6PM-Soup, 7PM-Stations)

#### **RECONCILIATION (lower church)**

SATURDAYS	8:30-9:15AM
WEDNESDAYS (3/2, 3/16, 3/23)	6:30-8:00PM

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** follows the 9AM Mass in the lower church every Friday, beginning with the Litany to our Blessed Mother. The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is recited at 11:45AM followed by *Benediction*. Please feel free to drop in for a visit.



Sebastian R. (Jim) Silvestro

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish, please introduce yourself. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will support your parish with your prayers, your presence and your talents. **Please call the Parish Office (435-3313x203) to register.**

### SOUP & STATIONS

All are invited to join us in fellowship and a light meal followed by Stations of the Cross, every Friday evening during Lent. Soup, bread, and drinks are provided for adults, and a kid-friendly meal is also provided. Join us at **6PM** in the Parish Center for the meal, and at **7PM** in the upper church for stations, as we engage in a Lenten pilgrimage to the Cross, with Jesus. Hosted by:

March 4: Music Ministry

March 11: STATIONS ONLY at 7PM, no meal

March 18: TESTAMENT

### Celebrating 150 Years as a Parish: Stories from Our Past

The land for St. John the Evangelist was purchased for \$6,000 from Dr. Pratt. Construction began in 1876. Most of the granite used was quarried on Matthew Gannon's Ash Street property, possibly 33 Ash Street "at the foot of" Fenton St., according to a 1989 article by Gordon E. Hopper, "A 100 Years of Services," *Milford Daily News*. The granite is believed to have been donated by Mr. Gannon. An interesting note: all the stained glass windows in our church were gifts of parishioners and friends around 1889. The one on the steps to the choir loft is recorded as having been donated by Matthew Gannon in memory of his wife Margaret. Surely, this is the same, generous Matthew Gannon. Take a look!

### WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARY



On Wednesday evenings at **6PM in the lower chapel**, the rosary will be offered. This will be held every Wednesday evening throughout the year. Please feel free to come on down, and don't be afraid to let your children join in. Rosary booklets will be made available for those who need a refresher in this beautiful Marian devotion.

### SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURE



This year's Summer Bible Adventure theme is Deep Sea Discovery! It will take place **Monday, July 11th through Friday, July 15th from 9AM-12Noon**. 5 year olds through 5th graders as of September of 2016

can **register now!!** To register please visit the parish website at <http://www.stjohnhopkinton.com/> under the ministries tab. For more information or any questions please email us at [stjohnsbibleadventure@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsbibleadventure@gmail.com).



### Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8)

**Friday, March 18, 2-4PM, Parish Center**

Service Project—We will be putting together Easter surprises for the Mustard Seed soup kitchen.

### High School Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)

**Country Spaghetti Dinner—Calling all adults!**—Come support our HS Youth Group's mission trip to West Virginia. **SATURDAY, APRIL 9**, at 6PM. Dinner, drinks, drawings and live music plus a 50/50 drawing. Questions or tickets? Email [stjohnythmin@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnythmin@gmail.com).

### Mystery Night Out

Please join the HS Youth Group on **Saturday, March 12**, at 5PM for a mystery night out to two locations. Return around 12:30AM. Dinner is provided. Cost is \$60 payable to St. John's Youth Group. Permission slip and money is due to box outside of Rel. Ed. Office or drop off to Mrs. Fairbanks at the High School in Room 215 by February 24.

### Youth Group Meeting

**Sunday, February 28, 7:15PM**



### WEATHER NOTICE



Any time the Hopkinton Public School District cancels school due to weather conditions, St. John's Religious Education Classes will also be canceled.

**REMINDER:** Grade 10 Confirmation meets **NEXT Sunday, March 6, From 5:00-7:15 PM**

### World Youth Day

### WEEKLY BOTTLE & CAN COLLECTION

**Every Saturday 10AM-2PM @ Ice House Pond Depot**, 50 West Main Street. Your donations benefit our parish youth who will be traveling to Krakow, Poland, for World Youth Day, July 2016, with our Holy Father, Pope Francis!

**Last week we earned \$69.10! Please keep those bottles & cans coming! Thank you!**

### Milford Catholic Elementary School Now Enrolling for Fall 2016

When you send your children to Milford Catholic Elementary School, you do more than share your faith with them. You put your faith in us to provide your child with a strong academic and spiritual foundation. To enroll or schedule a tour, contact us today at 508-473-7303.

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Church Bulletin

***FEBRUARY 28, 2016***

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"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" Who wants to repent? Who wants to change habits, make sacrifices, or chart a more challenging course? Repentance isn't the easy road. Few of us are naturally drawn towards it. Perhaps that's why Jesus had to speak with such boldness in today's Gospel. Repent, or perish. Change, or suffer and die. Not what we like to hear. Not what we like to do. But we would be foolish not to listen. The entire Gospel message is certainly one of mercy and compassion. Jesus was the first to show forgiveness to sinners, and he always called others to do the same. He suffered and died so that WE wouldn't have to suffer eternal death. But the fact remains that we can still CHOOSE to "perish." We can choose to stay rooted in our favorite sins and to cling tightly to the comfortable vices that stifle a virtuous life. When we won't let go of them, then we don't truly repent. But Jesus urges us to change so that we can enjoy the eternal benefits of his mercy. He doesn't want us to perish! As we hear in today's psalm, "He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion." Repenting--turning back to God--puts us in the right position for this spiritual coronation. Lent is a time especially built for repentance. It is a season that calls us not only to recognize where we need to change, but to actually set those changes into motion. Lent isn't just a pious liturgical ritual. These forty days are a response to Christ's stern warning that we need to repent in order to save our souls. Let's not pretend to be exempt from the message. Lent is meant for ALL of us.

### **Lenten Regulations for Fasting & Abstinence**

ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are days of fast and abstinence. FRIDAYS OF LENT are also days of abstinence. FASTING is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. ABSTINENCE is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

### **SPRING CLEANING? DECLUTTERING?**

Save your unwanted items for St. John's Rummage Sale coming in June. We will also need plastic grocery bags and shoeboxes. Drop off dates will be announced soon!